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Applicants: K. FUJIMOTO, et al

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For: SCALABLE DISK ARRAY CONTROLLER

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 17, 2003

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the third month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, and as a result of the filing of a Notice of Appeal on December 17, 2003. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$950.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.39293X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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